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Andhra Pradesh announces PPP model to commission 10 medical colleges

maintenance through private-sector efficiency and shared investment under the PPP model . The PPP seat-sharing pattern provides 75 Convenor Quota (General) seats per 150-seat college, yielding 11 extra state-quota seats per college versus prior structures. A total 110 additional seats will be available across 10 PPP colleges. This will also ensure free OPD services, free diagnostics in OPD, and free IPD for 70 per cent beds under PMJAY, NTRVST, and CGHS rates; paid services apply to 30 per cent IPD beds with market-rate diagnostics for paid patients. There will be integration of AI-driven diagnostics, telemedicine, and digital health records, with collaboration opportunities for reputed medical institutions to elevate academic and clinical standards . The model adopts proven PPP practices used by states such as Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, and Jharkhand for district hospital upgradation and new medical colleges, as well as PPP-led expansions in premier education institutions (IIT Chennai, IIM Udaipur, IIT Nagpur) . Andhra Pradesh has expanded to 36 medical colleges with 4,046 UG seats by 2024–25, up from 6 colleges and 650 seats in 1995–96, driven by both government and private sector participation. Despite this growth, delayed capital execution left 11 sanctioned colleges inoperative as of June 2024, necessitating course correction through targeted funding and a PPP-led delivery model to meet immediate demand and quality benchmarks.

Healthcare now a driver of economic growth, says PM Modi

the leadership of Prime Minister Modi has evolved from a welfare-driven model to one that actively contributes to the vision of a "Viksit Bharat" by 2047. Highlighting a shift in narrative from subsidy to strategy, Dr. Shetty noted, "The transformation in India's health sector since 2014 shows how a government can harness public policy to achieve both equity and economic dynamism. By recasting healthcare as a pillar of productivity, Modi has shifted the narrative from charity to investment." One of the cornerstones of this transformation is Ayushman Bharat – PM Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), launched in 2018. Dr. Shetty described the scheme as the "world's largest publicly funded health insurance programme", covering over 55 crore economically vulnerable citizens and ensuring access to quality healthcare without financial hardship. According to data from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, as of June 2025, the scheme has authorised over 9.84 crore hospital admissions, amounting to Rs 1.40 lakh crore demonstrating its vast scale and social impact. Dr. Shetty further noted that the scheme has played a pivotal role in reducing Out-of-Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) for millions of Indian families, while improving overall health outcomes through enhanced social security and preventive care. Addressing the persistent issue of malnutrition among women and children, the article points to POSHAN Abhiyaan, also launched in 2018, as a targeted initiative focused on improving nutrition in early childhood. The initiative, Dr. Shetty writes, will yield, "a return on investment measurable in decades of higher productivity." Complementing this, the Swachh Bharat Mission, which saw the construction of millions of toilets across rural and urban India, significantly reduced open defecation and waterborne diseases. Citing estimates, Dr. Shetty said the sanitation campaign has saved 60,000 to 70,000 infant lives annually. Dr. Shetty's article makes a compelling case for viewing public health policy as a tool for economic advancement, rather than merely a social obligation. Summing up, he writes: "Good governance in healthcare is also sound economic policy."

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari says Govt needs to support farmers as crop prices determined

we need to support agriculture...which is very important for the consumer, for the country and for you," he noted. The road transport and Highways Minister pointed out that when the government permitted the production of bio-ethanol from corn, the price of corn increased to ₹2,800 per quintal from ₹1,200 per quintal. "So, farmers were facing a lot of economic problems because they are not getting a reasonably good price for their crops," he said. According to Mr. Gadkari, farmers have earned an additional ₹45,000 crore by producing ethanol from corn. "So, diversification of agriculture towards the energy and power sector is the need of our country," he added. The Minister said alternative fuel and biofuel have a great future in India. "Presently, we are the importer of the energy...the day will come when we will be the exporter of energy, and that will be the most important historical achievement for the country," he said. Talking about air pollution in India, Mr. Gadkari said 40% of air pollution is due to transport fuel, and it is a big problem for the country, particularly Delhi. "We are working in the national interest to reduce the pollution of our country," he said. India imports fossil fuels worth Rs.22 lakh every year, which is causing pollution, the Minister added. "From an economic point of view, from a pollution

point of view, it is the time for the world, and it is time for India to encourage biofuel and alternative fuel," he noted. The Minister also asserted that his aim is to make India a leader in sustainable aviation fuel.

AP attracts Rs.10,644 crore investments in tourism sector in last 15 months, says Minister

facility, he said 15 projects worth Rs.3,887 crore would create 2,848 rooms, while 24 DPR-approved projects worth Rs.3,668 crore would add 3,164 rooms. "Overall, 8,080 rooms are already in the pipeline, with a target of 50,000 rooms in four years," he said. **Heli-tourism** The Minister said tourism circuits were being developed with focus on eco, adventure, wellness and heli-tourism across all the regions of the State, and hotels would be developed under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. To give impetus to the sector, regional investor meets were conducted in Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, and Tirupati. Under the government's land allotment policy, special committees were formed and all Tourism Department lands made available online and land parcels being allotted to investors in a transparent way, Mr. Durgesh said. **Homestays** He said under the homestay policy, local houses, heritage structures and traditional buildings would be converted into stays, especially in the rural areas, to attract foreign tourists. Caravan Tourism was being introduced for destinations where star hotels were not feasible, he said. **National School of Drama will be established in Rajamahendravaram, says Andhra Pradesh Tourism Minister** Minister for Tourism, Culture and Cinematography Kandula Durgesh on Tuesday said the government is committed to reviving and promoting folk arts in Andhra Pradesh with active support from the Centre. He was speaking after administering the oath of office to V. Gangulayya, who assumed charge as Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh State Folk Arts and Creative Academy. The Minister announced that a National School of Drama would soon be established in Rajamahendravaram. As part of the government's initiative to promote folk arts, Mr. Durgesh said they would be introduced in schools and colleges, and pensions for artistes would be restored.

Drama Academy Chairman Gummadi Gopalakrishna, State Cultural and Creative Committee Chairperson Tejaswi Podapati, Rampachodavaram MLA Sirisha Devi, Pendurthi MLA P. Ramesh, Cultural Department Director R. Mallikarjuna Rao, RTC Regional Chairman Reddappala Naidu, Jana Sena Party State secretary A. Vasu, Party dpokesperson Rayapati Aruna, members of Mr. Gangulayya's family, coalition leaders, and others were present.

Pawan Kalyan assures that government committee will address Uppada fshermen

instructed to take prompt action to ensure timely disbursement. Mr. Kalyan also emphasised granting fishermen in Machilipatnam, Antarvedi, and surrounding areas adequate access to fishing grounds, highlighting the importance of prioritizing these matters even before the committee submits its formal recommendations. "Under the leadership of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, the coalition government is committed to providing support and security to people facing hardships. The welfare of Uppada fishermen will be a priority, and after the assembly session concludes, I will personally meet the fishermen to discuss all issues comprehensively," he stated. "Based on that report, the government will take appropriate measures. The issues that need to be resolved as soon as possible have already been identified. I have discussed with officials the payment of insurance amounts to the families of the 18 deceased fishermen and compensation for the damaged boats near the Uppada Fishing Harbour. I have instructed that appropriate measures be taken for this. Additionally, I have made it clear that special attention should be given to providing opportunities for fishermen in areas like Machilipatnam and Antarvedi to go fishing. I have stated that these issues should be resolved with priority without waiting for the committee's report," said Pawan Kalyan. He stated that under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, the coalition government assures support to those living in hardship. He promised to bring the issues of the Uppada fishermen to the attention of the Chief Minister. We will prioritise their welfare. He also announced that after the Assembly sessions conclude, he will personally sit with the Uppada fishermen and discuss all their issues comprehensively. For the second day, scores of fishermen and their family members staged a dharna, demanding that the government check sea pollution from pharma companies along the coast. They alleged that the release of chemicals into the sea is destroying marine life and affecting their livelihood. The protestors blocked the Uppada-Kakinada-Pithapuram road to voice their concerns. Meanwhile, Kakinada District Collector Shan Mohan Sagili visited the area where farmers are staging a dharna and heard the grievances of fishermen, who also demanded compensation of Rs 1.50 lakh for each family. The Collector assured fishermen that their representatives would be included in the committee to discuss and resolve the issue.

Amaravati development works apace, says Municipal Administration Minister Narayana

should himself speak out whether he was still in favour of the three capitals, or was he convinced about the prudence of having Amaravati as the greenfield capital city, which was initially endorsed by him, Mr. Srinivas demanded, and requested Mr. Narayana to finish the whole capital project before seniors like him retired from active politics. **Fate of small contractors** Visakhapatnam North MLA P. Vishnu Kumar Raju said the government should do justice to thousands of small contractors whose five-year wait for opportunities to execute capital works went in vain as they were allotted to only nine big contractors. He suggested that the government direct the big contractors, calling them 'Navaratnas', to give subcontracts to their smaller peers so that the latter also could make a living. He pointed out that the Andhra Pradesh Building Contractors' Association had over 3,000 members, but a vast majority of them were in dire straits as the works done by them in 2019-24 went unpaid (their bills were kept pending by the YSRCP government) and the 'big nine' contractors successfully bagged the major chunk of capital works. The contractors were in such dire straits during the YSRCP rule that 43 of them had committed suicide due to severe financial distress and their plight continued to be sordid, therefore, the government should do justice to them, he insisted. Replying to him, Mr. Narayana said, since the government wanted its buildings in Amaravati to meet global standards, it laid down the tender conditions accordingly, implying that a few could match the requirements, and that though the government was aware of the problems faced by the small contractors, it could make an unofficial request to, but not dictate the companies doing the major projects in Amaravati to give some of the works to subcontractors as it was their prerogative.

Reservoirs, barrages ear full in AP, first warning issued at Prakasam

exceeding 3.5 lakh cusecs. In the Somasila reservoir, the water level reached 92.76% of its capacity and stood at 72.34 tmc ft, while Velugodu and Gotta barrages, too, were brimming, ensuring ample water availability across the irrigation systems. Officials said that consistent inflows left little cushion in several reservoirs, forcing regulated releases to safeguard downstream regions. The near-full storage levels were expected to support irrigation, power generation, and drinking water supply. Authorities were keeping a

close watch to manage flood risks. The Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) cautioned that inflows might rise further, potentially touching 4.50 lakh cusecs. To ensure public safety, five SDRF teams had been deployed at the ghats in Vijayawada to carry out emergency rescue and relief operations, if required. With the Dasara festivities underway, the authorities issued special instructions to regulate pilgrim movement at the river ghats. The police, irrigation, and municipal staff had been stationed along vulnerable stretches, while barricades and warning boards were being set up to alert the public. "Strict precautions are being taken, and all departments are on alert. Public cooperation is essential," said Prakhhar Jain, APSDMA Managing Director.

CP Radhakrishnan and his wife visited

Kanakadurgamma temple

chanting of Vedic mantras. Later, the officials made special arrangements for his darshan. The Radhakrishnan couple performed special pujas to the goddess in the sanctum. Speaking to the media after the darshan, he said that it was a great pleasure to visit Kanakadurgamma. The Vice President praised the city of Vijayawada. He opined that Vijayawada is one of the fastest developing cities in the country. He stated that the city is progressing rapidly in the fields of education, medicine and industry. He expressed hope that if this development continues, Vijayawada will surely gain international recognition in the future.

Housing Construction for the Poor should be Accelerated

additional assistance. Steps should be taken to create roads, drainages and other infrastructure through the Employment Guarantee Scheme, and special officials should visit the field level and talk to the beneficiaries to resolve the problems faced in house construction. Doors should be installed by the contractor for the completed houses and handed over to the beneficiaries. They want to focus on stage conversion, formulate a plan to complete geo-tagging in every secretariat, and achieve better progress week by week by providing necessary support to those who voluntarily come forward to build houses. He said that while allocating plots in vacant plots, they should be done through a transparent lottery system. He warned that appropriate action would be taken against those who lag behind in achieving the target of house construction. In-charge Housing PD Suribabu, Bhimili RDO Sangeeth Madhur, constituency special officers, zonal commissioners, housing DEs, AEs and others participated in this meeting.

Tirumala Brahmotsavams begin with ‘Dwajaroohanam’

Tirumala, Sept 24: The nine-day annual Brahmotsavams began with the 'Dwajaroohanam' ceremony at the Lord Venkateswara temple at Tirumala on Wednesday. The sacred yellow flag bearing the imprint of Lord Garuda, the celestial carrier of Lord Maha Vishnu, was hoisted atop the 'Dwajastambham' (temple flag post) during the pre-designated auspicious time between 5.43 pm to 6.15 pm, signalling the commencement of the nine-day religious spectacle. The inner precincts of the temple reverberated with the rhythmic recitals of sacred hymns by a battery of Vedic scholars to the beats of the temple drums. The senior and junior pontiffs of the hill shrine oversaw the 'Dwajaroohanam' proceedings, followed by aasthanam at Tirumalaraya Mandapam inside the temple. Earlier in the day, Lord Malayappa Swamy



and his two consorts, in the company of Anantha, Chakra, Garuda and Viswakshena, were taken around the mada streets encircling the hill temple in a grand procession. Mythology has it that Lord Garuda goes around the temple complex,

extending an invitation to all the heavenly bodies and celestial beings such as Gandharva, Kinnara, Kimpurusha and rishis to take part in the festival to be performed by Lord Brahma.

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